BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADER APPLICATION 2022-2023
(Varsity AND Junior Varsity)

In order to try out for the position of Junior Varsity or Varsity cheerleader for the 2022-2023 school year, applicants must meet the following qualifications. Please be sure to check the qualifications carefully before applying. Please note, Junior Varsity consists of only underclassmen (Freshman & Sophomores), and Varsity consists of only upperclassmen (Juniors & Seniors). So, if you are currently an 8th or 9th grader, you are trying out for JV, and if you are currently a 10th or 11th grader, you are trying out for Varsity.

1. Applicants must be passing all classes currently and in all preceding six-weeks of the current school year. No failing six-week grade or semester average (that is, “69” or below) on your report card will be accepted. This is because cheerleaders are active during all UIL sports seasons (Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Soccer, Softball and Baseball) and the entire squad relies on each member to be in good standing and able to participate at all times throughout the school year. If you don’t prioritize your classes, you are not able to prioritize cheerleading. Those selected as a Varsity or JV cheerleader must maintain a passing average with no failing grades for the remainder of the school year, or they will be put on probation and will not be permitted to try out for the following school year.

2. Applicants must have no lower than an “S” conduct average currently and in all of the preceding six-weeks of the current school year. No “P’s” or “U’s” in any class are acceptable. Additionally, if an applicant has been suspended or expelled for any reason, they will not be permitted to try out.

3. Applicants will agree to represent the school in a manner consistent with the Bellaire High School and HISD Code of Student Conduct. This applies at all times, whether in or out of cheerleading uniform.

4. Applicants will agree to put cheerleading responsibilities before every other activity in which they are involved. Being a cheerleader is a privilege and an honor, and hard work and responsible conduct are required. Cheerleaders must attend all required events, except in the case of personal illness, death in the family, or approved school business.

5. Applicants should be financially able to buy uniforms, pay for summer camp, and pay any expenses which might become necessary in the course of the school year’s events. Approximately $2000 will be required to be paid for all uniforms/attire by the end of school, May 2022. Payment plans can be arranged with Coach Perez.

6. Applicants must attend all practice sessions before tryouts, and those selected must attend any and all practice sessions before cheerleading camp or they will be put on a probationary status with the squad. Applicants also must be able to attend the 4-day cheerleading camp in June, and Cardinal Camp in August.

7. Cheerleading is a year-long activity. You must commit and follow through with your decision to try out for this squad. No cheerleader may quit prior to the end of the school year unless suspended from the squad for grades or misconduct. Failure to comply will result in a semester grade of a “50” in the course or if the cheerleader quits for the entire second semester, a semester average of “0” will be given.

8. Applicants and their parents will understand that making the JV or Varsity squad this year does not automatically guarantee that they will make either squad the following year. Everyone who has the grades will have to try out again the next year to remain on the squad.

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9. **All 8th grade applicants must be certain in the decision to attend Bellaire High School in order to tryout.** By initialing here and signing below, you will agree to pay a **$500 non-refundable deposit** at the time of uniform fittings that will be applied toward the total amount ordered.

I have read the above requirements, and I agree that I will abide by the rules stated, that my grades and conduct meet the above requirements, and I understand that I am subject to suspension from the cheerleading squad if I do not abide by these rules and regulations.

_________________________________________  ________________________
Signature of Applicant  Date

Applicant’s Cell Phone number ___________________________________________(text message reminders will be sent)

E-mail address _________________________________________________________ Please print clearly

Parents/Guardians of the applicant, by signing below, agree to comply with these requirements and are giving their son/daughter permission to apply for the JV or Varsity cheerleading squad.

*I have read the above requirements, and I am able to meet any and all financial requirements for JV or Varsity cheerleading supplies. I also understand the time-consuming commitments and agree that if my son/daughter does not abide by these standards, that he/she will be suspended from the squad. I am giving my permission for my child to become a Bellaire High School cheerleader applicant.*

_________________________________________  ________________________
Signature of Parent/ Guardian  Date

First and Last names of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _________________________________ Please print clearly

Parent Cell / Preferred phone number _____________________________

E-mail address _________________________________________________________ Please print clearly

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:** Monday, February 28, 2022, 4:10 pm to Coach Perez or Mrs. Martin in the Competition gym.

**ABSOLUTELY NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME.**

The **MANDATORY** schedule for all cheerleader applicants will be as follows:

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<td>Monday, February 28th</td>
<td>Application Deadline, with copy of report card 4:10pm</td>
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| Wednesday, February 23rd | Mandatory meeting (BHS Students) 4:20pm  
8th graders only Info. Meeting for Parents and applicant, 6pm @BHS |
| Monday, March 7th  | Intro/Jumps/Teach Dance                   |
| Tuesday, March 8th | Review Dance/Teach Cheer                 |
| Wednesday, March 9th | Teach Chant/Review Dance/Cheer/Get into Tryout Groups |
| Thursday, March 10th | Mock Tryouts                             |
| Friday, March 11th | **Tryouts** 4:30 – 6pm BHS Competition Gym |
|                  | **Squad Announcements** 6:45pm, Squad Celebrations |

**FAILURE TO ATTEND ALL EVENTS ABOVE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM TRYOUTS**
***FOR 8TH GRADE APPLICANTS ONLY***

Name ____________________________  Birthday ____________________________
Address ____________________________  Middle School ____________________________
Are you currently a cheerleader there? ______

I will need a copy of your most current report card (HISD distributed January 21st). I need to verify your passing grades and good conduct prior to the start of tryouts. Since you are not currently Bellaire students, I will allow one failing grade, but that F must be brought up to passing by the 6-weeks when we begin tryouts on March 7th or you will not be permitted to tryout at this time. **You will need to bring your March 4th report card as well.**

**OPTIONAL:** A Letter of Recommendation from a current teacher or faculty member at your school. This letter can be emailed to Rperez2@houstonisd.org

*** FOR CURRENT BHS STUDENT APPLICANTS***

Name ____________________________  Birthday ____________________________
Address ____________________________  Current Grade Level ______

List your current schedule. **Please include the teacher’s name and room number.**

1st period ____________________________  5th period ____________________________
2nd period ____________________________  6th period ____________________________
3rd period ____________________________  7th period ____________________________
4th period ____________________________  8th period ____________________________

I will need a copy of your most recent report card (HISD distributed January 21st). I need to verify your passing grades and good conduct prior to the start of tryouts. **I will also need to see your March 4th report card on the first day of tryouts.**

Please make your schoolwork a priority before you add something else to your plate!

**OTHER IMPORTANT/ Mandatory dates to keep in mind if you make the squad:**

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<td>Uniform Fittings/ Ordering</td>
<td>Thursday, April 14th @ BHS</td>
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<td>6th and 7th period (Returning cheerleaders)</td>
<td>April 12th-14th</td>
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<td>Varsity Only- Pin Oak Middle School tryouts</td>
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<td>Lanier Middle School tryouts</td>
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<td>Varsity Practices</td>
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<td>JV Practices</td>
<td>Monday, June 13st – Thursday, June 16th</td>
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<td><strong>CHEER CAMP</strong></td>
<td>August (dates and times TBD)</td>
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<td>Varsity &amp; JV Practice (times TBD)</td>
<td>Friday, August 15th {tentatively}</td>
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<td><strong>Cardinal Camp</strong> (incoming freshman attend; Varsity to perform)</td>
<td>Monday, August 22nd</td>
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<td><strong>First Day of School!</strong></td>
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